1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 AT TACOMA 7 **CASE NO. C21-5592 BHS** CHRIS ADAMSON, et al., 8 Plaintiffs, **ORDER** 9 v. 10 PIERCE COUNTY, et al., 11 Defendants. 12 13 THIS MATTER is before the Court on Defendants' Motion to Continue the Trial Date, Dkt. 59, and on the parties' cross motions to compel, Dkts 48 and 62. The case was 14 recently transferred to this Court. Dkt. 51. All three motions arises out of accusations that 15 16 the other side is impeding discovery and trial preparation. For too long this case's pretrial discovery disputes have been like two ships passing in the night; counsel have met in and 17 out of court about alleged noncompliance with discovery rules, without any significant 18 19 resolution. The Court agrees that the matter is not ready for trial to commence in October of 20

this year, and the Defendants' motion to continue the trial date is GRANTED. The new

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trial date is January 30, 2024. The Clerk will issue a new scheduling order based on that date. The parties should promptly advise the Court of any conflicts with that trial date. In the meantime, the pending motions to compel (including the motions for sanctions), Dkts. 48 and 62, and any other discovery matters that arise, are REFERRED to Magistrate Judge Grady Leupold for resolution. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated this 30th day of May, 2023. United States District Judge